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Ryota TSUKIDATE et al

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For: DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM USING VIRTUAL CHANNELS

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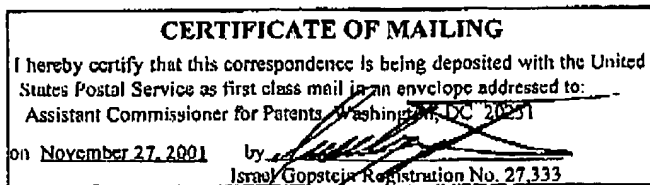
Sir:

At the time of filing the present application, on June 23, 2000, applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The Statement was also identified in the Request Form for Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) filed with the Application.

However, the IDS, which was timely filed and accompanied by Form PTO 1449, has never been acknowledged, and Form 1449 with the Examiner's initials confirming consideration of the cited art has not been provided.

Applicant accordingly requests acknowledgement of the Examiner's receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.

In order to facilitate the Examiner's consideration of the same, applicant submits herewith copies of both the IDS and the Request for Application identifying filing of the IDS.



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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

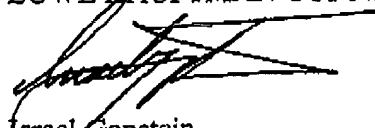
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filing date under 35 USC 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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	"ATSC Standard, System Information for Digital Television (Annex B); January 30, 1996; pp. 63-71						
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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

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**COMMENTS:** Regarding your telephone conversation with Chris Brody, following is the copy of the Request for Acknowledgment of Consideration of Information Disclosure Statement and the IDS. Please contact me with any questions. (Serial No. 09/599,552)

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